

## AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

**Please amend the paragraph starting on page 4, line 23 as follows:**

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In one embodiment of the present invention, the state information includes a session encryption key for the secure communication session, the session identifier for the secure communication session, and a running message digest for the secure communication session. In a variation on this embodiment, the system additionally uses the message to update the running message digest, and checkpoints the updated running message digest to a location outside of the first server. Note that for the purpose of the instant application, common checkpointing methods familiar to those skilled in the art are used. A “checkpoint” state is a state of a process during execution of a program, and is stored information necessary for re-execution from that checkpoint. “To checkpoint” and “checkpointing” refer to the act of storing the checkpoint state.

**Please add the following paragraph before the paragraph starting on page 5, line 15:**

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In one embodiment of the present invention, the system initially establishes an active secure communication session between the client and the second server, the active secure communication session being identified by the session identifier.